Clinton March 18th 1831

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In order to give you the Statement I promised you I have to complete a settlement with two or three individuals who have occupied parts of your land, and have not yet been able to effect it. tho I think I shall do it soon. My object in writing to you now is to apprise you that I have at length made a bargain for the sale of your farm provided you see fit to ratify it to the persons whose proposals I sent you in my last letter - On the receipt of yours I informed them that I should give them no encouragement of closing a bargain unleſs they would agree to give $2500 and after a good deal of delay and difficulty they have just anounced to me their intention to take the farm at that price - The side hill by the orchard is sown to wheat. The crop was put in last fall by Mr C. Wood upon shares. I have made no reservation of your right in that - The purchasers are John Powell, Jonathan Day, Simeon Nelson & John H. Parmelee, a person who has moved into the place within a few years, and who now owns a mill on the site where Mr Nelson's formerly stood - The arrangement between them is this - Powell is to take the part above the orchard say 14 acres at $700. Day, the Redfield house, the orchard & side hill at $500. Nelson the land lying east of the road leading to Mrs Kirkland's, as far as the Creek at $850 & Parmelee, the Islands &c with the privilege of raising and controlling the water in the Creek for the use of his mill at $450 - Nelson will pay 1/4 of the purchase money down, Parmelee will pay a larger proportion, say 1/2, if required; Day proposes to pay all down for his, & Powell can pay none down but proposes to give good security, as do the others for the balances due from them, payable in 1, 2, 3 & 4 ~~years~~ annual installments with interest on the whole annually. The security they propose is a Bond & Mortgage on the premises purchased by each one. and in addition to this Powell will either include his house & Lot in the Mortgage or get some responsible man to be bound with him. If however he can borrow the money as I believe he has some hopes of doing he will pay down for his.

The parties have not yet fixed precisely upon the dividing lines betwixt themselves. but from what progress has been made I think they will agree, so that there will be no failure on their part.

Now if you approve of these terms, for I have done nothing except verbally, ~~the purch~~ and of course you are not committed legally) the purchasers want you should send a power of attorney to me or some one else to execute separate deeds to them according to the divisions abovementioned, when they shall have agreed more definitely upon the lines, and also to take the necessary security &c. I informed them you would probably prefer executing the deeds &c yourself, and therefore advised them to get their respective pieces surveyed and send the descriptions to you but they insisted upon my proposing the above method to you. and as the spring season is now rapidly approaching they are desirous of an answer as soon as you can conveniently give it. They are extremely desirous of procuring separate conveyances. but I have stipulated that ~~no~~ you shall incur no more expense than if you executed but one deed and took back a single Mortgage for securing the purchase money. All extra expense therefore will be born by them —

Should you decline giving a power of attorney I shall get them to have their pieces surveyed and send you deeds to be executed by you, if this should meet your approbation. but as this cannot be done so soon as they would wish to take possession and commence labor on the premises, I would suggest to you the propriety of giving them authority to enter into possession and perhaps authorise me to enter into written contracts with them —

Respectfully
Yours &c
O. Williams

Professor Robinson
Andover —

P.S. I suppose you are permanently settled at Andover — If this were not so I should still hope as I long have done that we might yet make you such an offer at Hamilton as would induce you again to take up your residence in Clinton — O.W.

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